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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
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| TOTAL CLAIMS FEE | 11 | - | 20 | ** | 0 | LG=\$18 SM=\$9 | \$ 0 |
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| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | | | | LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145 | \$ 0 |
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.